SUMMER DAY CAMP
INFORMATION GUIDE

2020

LONDON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
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Thank you for choosing the London Children’s Museum day camp for your child’s summer adventure! This document contains information to help you and your child prepare for camp.

London Children’s Museum day camps are filled with play and learning. Through interactive, hands-on experiences, campers learn about the world around them and who they are in relation to it. They will engage in play-based learning, interact with real museum artifacts, explore our galleries and exhibits, and participate in outdoor activities.

Day camp contributes to a child’s healthy social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development. At camp, children are encouraged to ask questions, lead, guide, investigate, and wonder. Camp allows children to explore new interests and skills, indulging their curiosity in science, art, history, and culture. At summer day camp, children make new friends and lifelong memories!

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child this summer.

CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Hours
• Programming runs 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
• Drop-off begins at 8:30 a.m.
• Pick-up ends at 5:30 p.m.
• Early drop-off is available starting at 8:00 a.m. for an additional cost of $20/week.
• Space is limited.
• Every camper must be signed in and out every day.
• To ensure the safety of campers, caregivers must show photo ID at sign-out.
• Please notify us if there are any changes to your camper’s authorized pick-ups.

T-Shirts
• All campers are required to wear a Children’s Museum day camp t-shirt.
• T-shirts can be purchased through our online store for $10 + HST.

Schedule

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**Lunches & Food**

- Weekly meal packages are available for $40+HST.
  - Meal packages include lunch and two daily snacks.
  - Monday through Thursday, healthy and sustainably sourced local food is provided by The Beet Café/Growing Chefs! Ontario.
  - The Beet Café/Growing Chefs! Ontario is a nut-free food provider.
  - Friday, pizza is provided by Domino’s.
  - Menus will be communicated weekly.
- Friday only meal packages (pizza) are available for $6+HST.
- Please include all details about food allergies and/or dietary restrictions on the registration form.
- It is important that your child bring a water bottle labeled with their name each day. We will have water jugs on-site to refill campers’ water bottles.
- You may wish to pack additional snacks.
- If you choose not to purchase a meal package, please pack a peanut-free lunch and two snacks.

**What To Bring**

- Campers are responsible for items they bring to camp.
- Please send comfortable, weather-appropriate clothes that can withstand a mess.
- Campers will be spending time outdoors. Please pack sunscreen, water bottle, and a hat in a backpack that is easy for your child to carry.
- **Please label your camper’s belongings.**

**Lost & Found**

- The London Children’s Museum is not responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen items.
- Lost and Found items can be claimed at pick-up until the end of August.
- In September, any remaining items will be donated to a community organization.
- You will be contacted if any items labelled with your child’s first and last name are found.

**Packing List**

- Camp T-shirt
- Swimsuit
- Towel
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle

**What Not To Bring**

- Toys & trading items (Pokémon cards etc)
- Electronics, including tablets, cell phones, video games
- Money
- Peanuts and nut products
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Our Staff

London Children's Museum camp counsellors are enthusiastic and energetic individuals, carefully selected to provide the best experience for your child at camp. All Children's Museum camp staff complete pre-summer training that includes First Aid and CPR, HIGH FIVE, TRACKS, All Kids in Camp, in addition to day-to-day inclusion, bullying prevention and managing behaviours.

We value strong communication between the our staff and camper caregivers. At sign-in and sign-out, you will have the opportunity to meet and talk with our camp counsellors. We welcome feedback and love to share stories about your child and their experience.

If you have any specific questions or concerns about your child’s day camp experience, please contact Jamie Fenton, at 519.434.5726 ext. 249 or jfenton@londonchildrensmuseum.ca.

Camp Programming

The London Children's Museum aims to create awesome experiences for campers. Each camp week has a theme which guides the exploration of science, art, artifacts, exhibits, and the outdoors. Activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate and appealing to children of different interests and abilities. These activities provide campers with an opportunity to learn, grow, and, most importantly, have fun!

Campers will participate in water activities while at camp. This may include trips to the nearby splash pad and water games on the London Children’s Museum property. We will follow our 1-8 ratio while off-site. You will receive an email before your week at camp introducing your child’s counsellor and outlining your day camp schedule.

Tween Camp

Tween Camps are specially designed for older campers. They provide the opportunity for youth age 9-12 to explore intense interests and develop new skills. Each week of tween camp is structured differently. In some cases, local professionals will lead a portion of camp programming, giving tweens the opportunity to learn from experts.

In addition to themed programming, tween campers have the opportunity to travel off-site, including a walk to the Thames Park Community Pool. Campers swimming at the pool are required to take a swim test and follow swimming guidelines. If a camper does not pass the swim test, they will be required to wear a life jacket in the pool. We will follow our 1-8 ratio while off-site.

Medication

If your child requires medication while at camp, please let the Children’s Museum know ahead of time. All medication must be in the original package, clearly labelled, and not expired. Camp counsellors will collect medication from campers at sign-in and keep it in a safe and secure location. Any medications that require immediate use, such as an inhaler or Epi-pen, will remain with the child or the day camp counsellor, depending on caregiver instructions.
The London Children’s Museum strives to create an atmosphere that allows every child to have fun and be themselves. It is our goal that every camper feels supported, respected, cared for, and safe. All of our camp counsellors are trained in HIGH FIVE and have extensive training in behaviour management.

Every child has the right to a positive camp experience. If a child is experiencing difficulties while at day camp, it is our practice to first examine potential causes of stress. If a situation arises where a camper is threatening the safety of another person or themselves, we will make every effort to develop a behaviour plan in collaboration with the camper and their caregivers.

The Children’s Museum prioritizes the safety and respect of all our campers and staff members. For this reason, campers are required to:

• Stay with their counsellor and group at all times
• Respect physical boundaries and keep hands-off
• Respect campers and staff by using appropriate and kind language

The London Children’s Museum camp program strives to serve all children, however, in rare instances this program is not suitable for everyone. The Children’s Museum reserves the right to remove a camper from camp if the camper is not able to meet these requirements, or if the program cannot meet the camper’s needs.

Additional Support
The London Children’s Museum does our best to accommodate all children in camp, however we cannot offer 1-1 support. Please complete the Children’s Museum’s Additional Support Form if your child needs support beyond the reach of our standard 1-8 ratio. Typically, if a child receives support at school or daycare, we recommend you complete this form.
FAQ’s

Friend or Sibling Group Request
You can request your child be placed in the same camp group as their friend/sibling. We limit the requests to one per child. This request can be made by contacting our front desk at frontdesk@londonchildrensmuseum.ca or 519.434.5726. If children are different ages, the older child will be placed in the younger age group.

Rain or Extreme Heat
In the event of inclement or hot weather, activities will be modified in accordance with Middlesex Health Unit guidelines to ensure the safety of campers. In the case of a thunderstorm, programming will be moved indoors.

Sick or Injured at Camp
All camp counsellors are fully certified in First Aid and CPR, and First Aid Kits are kept with counsellors at all times. In the event of a minor incident, camp counsellors will provide appropriate care and update caregivers at sign-out. For more serious incidents, the caregiver will be notified immediately. If a camper becomes sick while at camp, the London Children’s Museum will contact the caregiver to arrange for immediate pick-up.

Absence
If your child will be absent from camp, please call us or let a camp counsellor know in advance. If it is an unforeseen absence, please call us as at 519.434.5726.

Cancellation Policy
Any cancellation must be communicated directly to the front desk staff, either in person, by email or by phone. Cancellations received more than seven days prior to the start of camp are subject to a cancellation fee of 20%. No refunds will be issued for cancellations with less than one week notice.

Tax Receipts
Tax receipts are issued via email at time of purchase or registration. If you have any questions, please contact us at frontdesk@londonchildrensmuseum.ca or 519.434.5726.

Feedback
We welcome your feedback! You will receive a feedback survey at the end your camp week. If you would like to provide instant feedback, or have any questions or concerns, please contact Jamie Fenton at jfenton@londonchildrensmuseum.ca or 519.434.5726 ext. 249.

Contact
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